

**Land & Water
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LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE and TIME: Wednesday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Rm. 1 (second floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Tom Rudolph, Wilbur Petroskey, Matt Matteson, Jack Martinson, and Guy Hansen (excused absence Rod Kuczmarski)

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Hollands, Barb Payne, Jean Hansen and Tom Blake

1. Meeting was called to order in the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room 1 at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Rudolph, who indicated that this meeting is a public meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee, which was properly posted and the media was notified.

2. **MOTION (Matteson/Petroskey), to approve the minutes of the May 17th meeting and the current agenda. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

3. Set date for next meeting – The LWCC committee meeting for June is scheduled for June 28th at 8:30 a.m. and the July meeting is scheduled for July 19th at 1:30 p.m. The August meeting is scheduled for August 16th at 3:00 p.m. The meeting dates listed below has been revised due to conflicts of the participants. **MOTION (Matteson/Hansen) to authorize the attendance of any committee member to attend any of the LWRMP Citizens and Technical Committee Planning Meetings.** Petroskey stated that he would be attending the meeting at the Oneida County Airport on June 19th

The LWRMP planning meetings are scheduled for:

Citizens Advisory Committee - Monday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. (Oneida County Airport)

Technical Advisory Committee - Thursday, June 22nd at 9:30 a.m. (Courthouse)

LWCC - Friday, July 28th at 9:00 a.m. (Courthouse)

LWCC - Wednesday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. (Courthouse)

LWCC – LWRMP Public Hearing -Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m. (Courthouse)

4. Public Comments – Tom Blake of the DNR (program & planning analyst of watershed management) suggested that the LCD tape record all the planning meetings involving the Land & Water Resource Management Plan. Blake mentioned the Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Association is meeting on Saturday, June 24th at the Sloan Center in Lake Tomahawk. The AIS presentation will be from 10:15 – noon. Blake also mentioned that Fred Heider has contacted him about maps.

5. Select Conservation Youth Camp Scholarship Recipients – Hollands reported that there is only one student going to Youth Camp. The student's name is Allison Puestow. She is a student at Zion Lutheran School. Allison is the only student who has applied for the Youth Camp Scholarship at this time. The camp dates are June 20th through the 23rd

6. Select Teacher Scholarship Recipients. – Hollands reported there haven't been any Oneida County applicants. She said we would publish an extension of the application date deadline. Matteson suggested sending Jim Winkler from the UWEX Office, as he is involved with youth in many different areas. **MOTION (Matteson/Martinson) to allow Jim Winkler to attend the workshops at Trees for Tomorrow if someone other than teachers could apply. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Hollands said she would contact Trees for Tomorrow and see if they allow participants other than teachers to attend workshops.

7. County Cost Share Program – Jean Hansen handed out project tracking spreadsheets for the committee to review. Hansen summarized the projects as follows: The Nokomis project had an onsite pre bid held on May 3rd. Three contractors and the three landowners were present. The LWCC decided on June 2nd for a deadline for the bids to be submitted. Only one bid was received by the deadline date from Northwoods Landscaping. Hansen reported that the middle property owners (Singletary) may pull out and it is impossible to move forward until the Singletary's make a decision. Guy Hansen questioned the success of this project if the middle property owners pulled out. Rudolph stated that he also had concerns about the project being completed satisfactorily if the middle property owners didn't participate. Rudolph commented that in his opinion it would be a waste of the taxpayer's money if all three properties were not done at the same time. Jean Hansen felt the project could be completed satisfactorily even if the middle property was omitted. She feels that there is enough footage involved on each property to successfully complete this project even if the middle property owners pulled out. Matteson felt that this project should be completed even if the middle property owners pulled out. After extensive discussion the Committee requested a roll call vote on whether to proceed if the middle property owners backed out. The majority of the Committee felt that the project should be completed as originally planned with or without the middle property owners participating.

MOTION (Matteson/Hansen), to approve the Nokomis Project, even if the middle property owners pull out. The Committee also directed Jean Hansen to encourage all three-property owners to go forward with the project as planned. The Committee also specified a deadline of five working days to respond.

The Committee voted as follows: Petroskey – aye; Hansen – aye; Matteson – aye; Martinson – aye; Kuczmarski – excused absence; and Rudolph – nay; Motion carried, with four ayes and one nay.

Hansen handed out spreadsheets on the Phebus Project bids. Three bids were submitted: One bid was from Create Estate Landscaping for (\$30,758.53) – another was from Groundhog Bobcat Services for (\$13,422.77) – the final bid was from Quality Grading & Landscaping for (\$17,296.39). This project involves approximately 100 feet of shoreline. It requires the removal of the existing seawall and the placement of rock. **MOTION (Martinson/Matteson) to accept Groundhog Bobcat Services as the lowest bidder at (\$13,422.77) for the Jenev Leasing Corporation (Phebus) project. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

8. Land & Water Resource Management Plan Update /Work Plan Review – Hollands and the Committee reviewed each category of the existing plan objectives and goals. Suggestions were noted where the Committee felt changes were needed. Upcoming meeting dates for the Citizens Advisory Committee and for the Technical Advisory Committee were discussed. Rudolph suggested that these meetings especially the Citizens Advisory Committee meetings be taped recorded. Petroskey suggested that Pete Lindgren, the retired District Conservationist from NRCS, be contacted to serve on the citizen advisory committee. Hollands stated that she would contact Pete Lindgren to see if he would be willing to assist in the planning process.

9. Joint Multi-County DNR Grant – Hollands stated that Jay Verhulst, Vilas County, gave an update on the status of Representative Dan Meyer's proposed bill at the four county meeting. Verhulst had reported that the proposed legislation to increase the cost share amount from 50% to 75% for the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species grants didn't pass. Petroskey suggested that Oneida County proceed independently at this time and see what grant monies we can get by ourselves. The Committee will then have to set their priorities and proceed to apply independently. The deadline for submitting a grant proposal for the DNR non-native aquatic invasive species grant is August 1st. The grant is a 50-50 match now, with the proposal of 75-25 in the future.

10. Non –Native Aquatic Invasive Species (Grants) -

- a. Contractual services for DNR grant – Matteson mentioned that he knew of a retired teacher from Oneida County who might be interested in writing a grant for the aquatic invasive species. Tom Blake of the DNR suggested asking someone from the Vilas County Board to do a presentation for the Oneida County Board sometime in July on writing this type grant. Rudolph suggested Patrick Goggin or Ted Ritter as a possible speaker from Vilas County. Matteson suggested asking Chuck Alhborn as another possible speaker from Vilas. Hollands stated that the County has \$3,500.00 budgeted in contractual services to hire someone qualified to write Oneida County's grant.

11. Travel Authorization –

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| June 19 th | Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Oneida County Airport |
| July 15 th | AIS presentation on Hasbrook Lake, Woodruff |
| August 17 th | Four County Meeting, Florence |
| August 24 th | North Central Summer Tour, Wood County |

MOTION (Petroskey/Martinson), to approve travel authorization for the committee and appropriate staff to attend the meetings listed above. Motion carried, all voting aye.

12. Approval of invoices, purchases orders, and line items transfers -

Approval of invoices, purchase orders, and line item transfer. MOTION (Hansen/Petroskey) to approve payment of invoices as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

County Board Account

No invoices submitted.

Land & Water Conservation Department Account

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| Moritz Tire, Inc. Tires for tree planter | \$ 102.50 |
| Rusk County LWCD Registration fees for WLWCA Conservation Youth Camp | \$ 100.00 |
| Plastilite Corporation 5,000 bobbers @ \$.26 each & CBCW Logo fee | \$1,675.00 |
| Trig's Warehouse Foods, Inc. Food for Clean Boats, Clean Waters and Citizen's Lake Monitoring Workshops | \$ 166.89 |
| Rhinelanders Jaycees 4 th of July Parade Entry Fee for Float | \$ 10.00 |

Wildlife Damage Program Account

No invoices were submitted.

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| Total | <u>\$2,054.39</u> |
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13. Items for the next agenda meeting – Standard items

14. Adjourn – **With all business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. by MOTION (Hansen/Petroskey). Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Thomas Rudolph
Chairman

Nancy Hollands
County Conservationist